(b) whether Government consider the introduction of Finger Print Punching Cards will be of much help; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Keeping in view the current security scenario, the security of 44 office buildings in Delhi, owned or hired by the Central Government, under the security over of the Ministry of Home Affairs, has been entrusted to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), for providing comprehensive security to these office buildings.

Security arrangements in other office buildings located in Delhi, and in office buildings located outside Delhi, are made by the concerned offices either depart mentally, or with the assistance of concerned State/ Union Territory Government, consistent with the sensitivity of, and perception of threat to, such offices. The State/Union Territory Governments have been advised to make fool-proof arrangements for the security of vital installations and important Government establishments.

(b) and (c) Presently, access to Central Government offices in Delhi, under the security cover of MHA, is regulated through Identity Cards. Indentity Cards, centrally issued by the Secretariat Organisation of the Ministry of Home Affairs, bear the photograph and signature of the holder. These Identity Cards are checked manually by the sentries on duty. No decision has been taken on switch over to electronic access control system including those with or without bio-metric identification features.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

*215. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages proposed to be linked by roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in various States during 2003-2004;

(b) whether some of the States particularly States in hilly regions and tribal areas have requested for review of norms set for identification of villages proposed to be linked under the said scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of decisions taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) aims to provide all weather road connectivity to about 1.60 lakh Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007). No annual target is fixed for the number of habitations to be covered in a year and State Governments forward proposals for raod works based on the State-wise allocation and as per Guidelines. The number of habitations to be covered under the PMGSY for 2003-04 would become available after proposals from all the States have been cleared.

(b) and (c) The Revised Guidelines of PMGSY issued in January, 2003 has addressed the requests made by certain Hill States regarding review of norms relating to the population size of habitations. In respect of the Hill States (North East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal) and the Desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme) as well as the Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the objective of the PMGSY is to connect habitations with a population of 250 persons and above. The Guidelines also provide for clubbing together the population of all habitations within a radius of 500 metres (1.5 km. of path distance in case of Hills) for the purpose of determining the population size. This cluster approach would enable provision of connectivity to a larger number of habitations, particularly in the Hill/ Mountainous areas.

ISI Network in various cities

218. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Saharanpur, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh and Surat and Ahmedabad in Gujarat are targets of ISI network;

(b) the details of the action taken by Government to check such activities; and

(c) the number of persons nabbed from these places during the last three years?